



PATENT

Customer Number 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Alberto CARRA et al.)
Serial No.: Not yet assigned) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: April 27, 2001) Examiner: Not yet assigned
For: TYRE AND TREAD THEREOF)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Add two section headings, a section subheading, and a paragraph immediately after the title TYRE AND TREAD THEREOF, as follows:

**--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS****LAW OFFICES**

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